

Fire Danger Area:

- Helena/L&C NF FDRA #3
- WX Zone 117
- Porphyry 243402 FM: I
 - * Meets NWCG Wx Station Standards

Fire Danger Interpretation:

EXTREME - Use extreme caution

High -- Watch for change

Moderate -- Lower Potential, but always be aware



Maximum - Highest Energy Release Component by day for 2003 - 2012

Average - shows peak fire season over 10 years (1476 observations)

70th Percentile - 30% of the 1476 days from 2003 - 2012

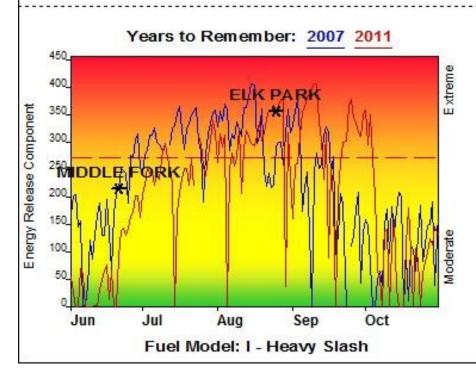
had an Energy Release Component above 269

Local Thresholds - Watch out: Combinations

of any of these factors can greatly increase fire behavior:

20' Wind Speed over 16 mph, RH less than 22%,

Temperature over 68, Energy Release Component over 269



Remember what Fire Danger tells you:

- Energy Release Component gives seasonal trends calculated from 2 pm temperature, humidity, daily temperature & rh ranges, and precip duration.
- Wind is NOT part of ERC calculation.
- Watch local conditions and variations across the landscape — Fuel, Weather, Topography.
- Listen to weather forecasts -- especially WIND.

Past Experience:

Watch for bug killed fuels. Anticipate volatile transition from surface to crown fire with spots that can carry fire brands 2 miles or more.

Elk Park 8/25/11 grew to 600 acres under a Red Flag for high winds.

Middle Fork 6/21/07 (1,146 acres became active on day two due to a drop in RH, change in wind direction, coupled with less rain than the surrounding area.

Current WX forecasts: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov.tfx

FDRA includes the Little Belts, Castle, Crazy, Snowy and Highwood mountain ranges.

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